are posted to the North-East region; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS (SHRIMATI MARGARET ALVA): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) A proposal for creation of separate cadres for All India Services for, *inter-alia*, Arunachal Pradesh was made by the State Government but it was found that such cadres would not be viable.

(d) and (e). Arunachal Pradesh is a part of the AGMU (Arunachal Pradesh, Goa, Mizoram and Union Territories) Cadre for all the All India Services and any officers from this joint cadre can be posted to serve in Arunchal Pradesh and Mizoram. Besides, like All India Service Officers belonging to other State Cadres, AGMU Cadre Officers can also be appointed in other North Eastern States on State-to-State deputation basis.

'Foul Brude' by Bees

5514. PROF. K.V. THOMAS: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government are aware of a disease called 'Foul Brude' caused by bees in States like Kerala; and

(b) if so, the steps taken to prevent this disease?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (PROF. P.J. KURIEN): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) KVIC had conducted trials of three weeks' duration in a few selected diseased colonies for treatment with two antibiotics namely terramycin and resteclin. After trials satisfactory progress was noticed. The beekeepers of the diseased areas were explained about the cause of the disease and the consequences. The method of treatment was also demonstrated. Necessary informative steps through media of TV, radio and local newspaper were also taken. Beekeepers have started the treatment and there is progress in curing the disease.

Use of Plastic in Agriculture

5515. SHRI GANGADHARA SANIPALLI: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether any plastic can be made use of in various spheres of agriculture; and

(b) if so, the extent to which this is being used therein?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (DR. CHINTA MOHAN): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) It is used for drip irrigation, green houses, mulching, nursery bags, covers for outdoor storage for food-grains. Consumption of plastics in these applications has grown over the years to about 35,000 TPA in 1991.

Cold Storages

5516. SHRI H.D. DEVEGOWDA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) the number of cold storages established in the country so far, State-wise, together with their storage capacity;

(b) whether the Government propose to construct some more cold storages in the country; if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Union Government allocate funds for construction of cold storage in